



## **GEORGE PEACH TAYLOR, JR., M.D., MPH** **Performing the Duties of the Assistant** **Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs**



George Peach Taylor, Jr., M.D., MPH, is performing the duties of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs; and is the Acting Director, TRICARE Management Activity. In this role, Dr. Taylor administers the \$50 billion Military Health System (MHS) and serves as principal advisor to the Secretary of Defense for health issues. The MHS comprises over 133,000 military and civilian doctors, nurses, medical educators, researchers, healthcare providers, allied health professionals, and health administration personnel worldwide, providing our nation with an unequalled integrated healthcare delivery, expeditionary medical, educational, and research capability.

Dr. Taylor also currently serves as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Health Protection and Readiness. In that capacity, he directs Department-wide efforts to develop and implement policies and programs relating to DoD deployment medicine, force health protection, national disaster support, international health agreements and missions, and medical readiness for 2.3 million Service members.

Dr. Taylor is a physician with board certification by the American Board of Preventive Medicine. He graduated from Rice University in 1975 with degrees in physics and Russian language. In 1978, he graduated from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, and interned in Greenville, S. C. In 1984, Dr. Taylor earned a masters in public health from the Harvard School of Public Health and completed a residency in aerospace medicine in 1985 at Brooks Air Force Base. He entered active duty as an Air Force flight surgeon in 1979 and rose through the ranks to become the 18th Surgeon General of the Air Force. He retired from the Air Force in October 2006.

After retiring, Dr. Taylor served as a Managing Director of Federal Government Practice at PricewaterhouseCoopers and later as Vice President in Northrop Grumman Information Systems. He was responsible for large-scale transformation projects, innovative electronic business solutions, independent program management oversight, mission-critical enterprise-wide health applications, interoperable architecture, and large-scale information technology systems integration.

His years of service and leadership in military medicine and contractor services give him a unique understanding of the challenges facing Service members and their families before, during, and after deployment. His broad technical background and experience bring broad, creative, and dynamic leadership to the Department.